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ACT

Of *Council* in favours of the Laird of *Stronane*.

EDINBURGH, the nineteenth day of *Aprill*, 1683.

FOrasmuch, as it being represented to the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, by a Petition given in to them, by *Alexander Robertson* of *Stronane*; That the Petitioner having a considerable Wood upon *Lochrannoch*, being thirty miles distance, or thereby from the Sea, or any Burgh Royal, which would have been unprofitable, or useleſſe to him, or the Countrey; if he had not, with great Expenses and Trouble caused Erect Saw-milnes, in which, theſe divers years paſt, there has been made the number of one hundred ſeventy and ſix thouſand Dails, to the great benefit, and conveniency of the Countrey adjacent, beſides the keeping of many Perſons at work in the oods, and Milnes: And ſeing the Petitioner is neceſſitat to bring down his Cutted Timber by the Loch in Floats, for the ſpace of ten or twelve miles, and that frequently, by the violence of Storms, and Spaits the Floats are broken, and thrown out, upon the ſeveral ſides of the Loch, and over the Dame-head into the River of *Timell*, which joyns with *Tey*, and carried down the Rivers many miles, by the violence of Storms, which gives occaſion to the Countrey People, living upon the ſides of the ſaid Loch and Rivers, to ſize upon his Timber, thinking they would be no further lyable, then to a dead Spuilzie; and many times, after the Supplicant has bestowed his utmoſt coaſt, and has made his Timber, and Dails; broken and looſe People in the Countrey, do fall upon, and carry the ſame away in the night time: So that the Petitioners Work is thereby likely to be broken, and ruined. And that upon the firſt day of *July*, 1675. Upon a Repreſentation made by the Petitioner; the Council did grant an Act in the Petitioners Favours, againſt any ſuch Invaſion: As the Act in it ſelf at more length bears; And which Act, was thereafter, upon ſeverall Conſiderations ſtopped, and hath not hitherto taken effect. And whereas the Petitioners Timber, and Dails have been, and are ſtill carried away, and taken up in manner foreſaid, to his great hurt and prejudice, unleſs the ſaid Act be renewed whereby he may have Redreſs againſt the Offenders, and Tranſgreſſours of the ſaid Act; Therefore humblie Supplicating, That the Council would revive, and renew the foreſaid Act, granted in the Petitioners favours, and would give him ſuch further Incouragement, for advancement of the ſaid Publick Work, as they ſhall think fit. And particularly, that they would intruſt him with the overſight of Repairing of the High-wayes, betwixt his Saw-milne in *Carrie* and *Apnadull*, and to appoint him Over-ſeer for the High-wayes, from his Milnes and Woods towards St *Johnſtoun*. The Lords of His Majeſties Privy Councill, having heard and conſidered the foreſaid Petition, Do hereby Revive, and Renew the foreſaid Act of Councill of the firſt day of *July*, 1675. And Ordains the ſame to be put in Execution, notwithſtanding of any *Poſterior* ſtop given thereto. And do Prohibit, and Diſcharge all Perſons, to Meddle, or Intromet with the Petitioners Floats of Timber, as they come down the *Lochrannoch*, or the Waters of *Timell*, or *Tey*, as they will be Anſwerable. And incaſe any of the ſaid Timber, be, by Storms caſt out of the Loch, or Rivers foreſaids; do hereby Ordain the ſame to be reſtored back, by the Intrometters therewith, to the Supplicant, Certifying all who ſhall keep up the ſame, for every Cut, or Tree ſo detained, they ſhall not only be lyable in the juſt Value thereof; But alſo in the Sum of Ten Merks *Scots* monie, to be payed to him: Certifing alſo, all ſuch Perſons, as ſhall preſume to meddle with, or away take any of the Petitioners Dails after the ſame are made, That they ſhall be lyable in the Penalty foreſaid, beſide the Value thereof, and be purſued therefore, before His Majeſties Privy Councill, Sheriff of the Shyre, and his Deputs, or any other Judge competent, as the Petitioner ſhall think fit. And for the Petitioners further Incouragement, The ſaids Lords do Impower, and Intruſt him with the Over-ſight of Repairing of the High-wayes betwixt his Saw-milne in the *Carrie*, and *Apnadull*. And Ordains his Name to be Inſert in the Proclamation anent High-wayes and Bridges. as Over-ſeer for Repairing the High-wayes from his ſaids Milnes and Woods, towards *St. Johnſtoun*. And do give warrand to the Petitioner, to cauſe Publication, and Intimation be made hereof, at the Mercat Croſs of *Perth*, and Paroch Kirkes next adjacent, and other Places needfull, That none pretend ignorance. *Extractum per me*.

WILL. PATERSON.
Cls. Sti. Concilij.

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